



To: Mayor and Town Council  
From: Clint Kinney, Town Manager  
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Re: Info Update

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HAPPY MAY DAY!  
Now Go Fill Out Your Census

**DIG WE MUST FOR A BETTER VILLAGE**

Starting about the middle of June, Snowmass Water and Sanitation will start its project to replace a water line from about Meadow Road to about Sinclair Road. This is going to be a large project that will require completely closing Brush Creek Road until about the middle of August. The primary detour will take vehicles on Highline and Owl Creek Roads to get around the project. The Town is partnering with the District on the paving aspect of the project to ensure the entire street, not just where the water line was, will be repaved when completed.

**COVID 19 UPDATE**

The virus is still here..... but we have definitely flattened the curve. The Board of Health met this week and adopted a framework for the next Public Health Order that will go into effect May 9. With the virus under control locally, the Board will be switching from the current suppression strategy, which is the primary tactic of the current Stay at Home Public Health Order. Going forward some restrictions will be lifted as we move to a “Box it In” Strategy. In short that means:

1. **TESTING.** There will be an expanded effort toward testing people with symptoms. This testing is critical to identifying individuals that have the virus.
2. **ISOLATE.** Once someone is found to have the virus, they will be isolated immediately to prevent disease spread. We must support every infected person so that they can stay isolated and the virus stops with them, regardless of the setting.
3. **CONTACT TRACE.** Identify other individuals (contacts) who infected people may have exposed. To get ahead of the pandemic, we must trace the contacts of infected people and warn them of their exposure. Just as governments provide hurricane warnings so people can protect themselves and their families, the public sector will warn individuals who have been exposed to the coronavirus so they don’t spread the infection.
4. **QUARANTINE.** People who came into contact with infected people and may have been infected themselves are the leading edge of the pandemic. They need to be quarantined from other people. We will need to provide them with wraparound services so they can quarantine at home for two weeks and keep the virus from spreading to others.

This Box It In strategy is going to last for quite a long time and is not going to be inexpensive. The County is expecting the need to hire between 14 and 18 individuals to implement this strategy. For comparison sake, the Health Department is currently a staff of 5. Budgets are still

being developed, but the cost is well north of \$1 million. In the short term, TOSV has assigned a number of staff members to be trained as contact tracers. These staff members will remain on our payroll and remain employees of the Town as they undertake this work. This Box It In Strategy will help the community progress through the Green, Blue, and Black steps of entry into our new normal. A rough outline of what those steps will look like is below. Very roughly speaking, May 9 is our first day on a green slope. Depending on how well we follow the 5 Commitments of Containment, wearing masks, keeping our distance, washing our hands, getting a test if you have symptoms, and staying home while you are sick, will dictate how fast we move through the progression of green, to blue to black.

<b>Phased Approach to Lift Restrictions</b>			
 <b>Activities</b>	 <b>Beginner</b> Initial Steps to Reopen	 <b>Intermediate</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• About 4-8 weeks after "Beginner" reopen</li> <li>• No significant Increase in Cases</li> </ul>	 <b>Expert</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• About 4-8 weeks after "Intermediate" reopen</li> <li>• No significant Increase in Cases</li> </ul>
Gathering Size	10	25-50	250
Essential Business	Operate with social distancing protocol and exempted from gathering size		
Retail, Offices, & other businesses not listed below	Social Distance Protocol required	Social Distance Protocol required	Social Distance Protocol required
Elective & Preventative Medical Care, Personal Services	Open with Guidance	Continued Guidance	Continued Guidance
Childcare	Open with Guidance	Continued Guidance	Continued Guidance
K-12 Education	No Change - Distance Learning	Reopen with Guidance	Continued Guidance
Restaurants & Bars	No Change - Takeout and Delivery Only	Social Distance Protocol required	Social Distance Protocol required
Low-risk recreation (golf / disc golf / non- contact sports)	Social Distance Protocol required	Social Distance Protocol required	Social Distance Protocol required
High-risk recreation (playgrounds / contact sports / activities with	No Change - Closed	Social Distance Protocol required	Social Distance Protocol required

As you see from the "Trail Map" above, because of the limit on group sizes we are expecting to be allowed to have, we are going to need to change our summer event strategy. We are going to need to change from big events to much more intimate (and likely frequent) affairs. We have the right team to put this in place.

## TID BITS:

- Road asphalt crack filling starts May 18. Pavement striping will follow.
- Design efforts for the intersection of Owl and Brush are continuing forward. The engineers are continuing to look for opportunities to shrink the footprint while keeping it effective as a traffic calming device.
- We are having good compliance on our construction sites with our COVID safety protocols.
- The Coffey Place housing project started up again on Monday.
- Rotary, Aspen Family Connections and the Town collaborated on a Food Distribution event earlier today here in the Village. The event provided food to 147 households; 85%, of which were Villagers. The distribution event will occur every other week going forward.
- We are running the RFTA service to Brush Creek Park n Ride and, of course, our local service. On May 10<sup>th</sup> we are expecting to increase from 1 hour service levels to 30 minute service levels. We are continuing to explore ways to make the experience as safe as possible for our riders and our drivers. We have started to “bomb” buses with cleaning agents in addition to the other steps we are taking and are looking for ways to physically separate the driver from the riders.
- We are also moving forward with a website redesign for [www.villageshuttle.com](http://www.villageshuttle.com). The goal is to make the site more user friendly, and to incorporate a lot of the new, state of the art, transit tools we have created over the past couple of years like Google transit, the Transit app, and trip planners.
- A proposed amendment to the Base Village PUD is expected to start its review before the Planning Commission in mid-May.
- We are taking steps to start getting Boards and Commissions (virtually) meeting again. Both the EAB and PTRAB will be re-convening next week for the first time in a couple of months.
- Because of the expected group size limitations we will have this summer, we have decided not to put up the Fanny Hill concert stage. If we are lucky and end up needing a stage, we have contingency plans to bring in a mobile stage instead.
- Pitkin County distributed \$1.8 million in emergency cash assistance through their COVID relief fund in April. Before this, \$50,000 of distribution in a month was considered to be a lot. Of the \$1.8 million, about \$90,000 of these funds are coming back to the Town to help with rent assistance in our town owned units.
- We will be changing the format of Town Clean Up day this year, but the tradition will continue. Stand by for details that are being developed.

CC: Department Directors

